

CAPSULE SUMMARY
105 Central Avenue (PG: 74B-27)
Prince George's County, Maryland

Located near the crossing of Central Avenue and Crain Highway, this small vernacular bar/restaurant illustrates patterns of transportation and commercial development that were occurring in southern Maryland during the mid-20th century.

Built between 1945 and 1950, this vernacular building is one story tall, and has no distinguishable bay divisions. Consisting of a series of additions, the building is roughly S-shaped in plan. The walls are clad with texture 111 siding on the front elevation, and with aluminum siding on the sides and back. The roof of the building an irregular mixture of multiple roof types, including gambrel, gable, and hipped sections. Two interior brick chimneys with corbeled caps mark the roofline. Included in the rear of the building is a small, very deteriorated one-story house. Facing north, it features wood frame construction, a one-story porch, and a side gable, asphalt shingle roof.

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. PG:74B-27

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1. Name of Property

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historic name _____

common/other name Captain's Corner Beer, Wine, Liquor On/Off

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2. Location

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street & number 105 Central Avenue not for publication _____

city or town Bowie vicinity _____ state Maryland code MD

county Prince George's County code 33 zip code 20716

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification

N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing Noncontributing

<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____

No ☒

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE

Sub: Restaurant

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE

Sub: Restaurant

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Not Visible

Roof Hipped: Asphalt Shingle

Walls Wood Frame: Texture 111

other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☐ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce

Period of Significance 1945-1950

Significant Dates 1945-1950

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Charles County Land and Will Records. Charles County Courthouse and the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

Rivoire, J. Richard. *Homeplaces: Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles County, Maryland*. Crownsville, MD: Maryland Historical Trust, 1990.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 25,493 square feet

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property at 105 Central Avenue is designated as Parcel 21, Grid E3 as indicated on Map 70.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The building at 105 Central Avenue has historically been associated with Parcel 21 since its construction circa 1945.

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization EHT Traceries, Inc. date July 9, 1999
street & number 5420 Western Avenue telephone 301/656-5283
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815

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12. Property Owner

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name Hopkins Garage Inc.
street & number PO Box 68 telephone _____
city or town Brandywine state MD zip code 20613

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county and state

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This bar/restaurant is located on a paved lot at the southeast corner of the intersection of Old Central Avenue and Central Avenue. Built between 1945 and 1950, this vernacular building is one story tall, and has no distinguishable bay divisions. Consisting of a series of additions, the building is roughly S-shaped in plan. The walls are clad with texture 111 siding on the front elevation, and with aluminum siding on the sides and back. The roof of the building an irregular mixture of multiple roof types, including gambrel, gable, and hipped sections. Two interior brick chimneys with corbeled caps mark the roofline. Included in the rear of the building is a small, very deteriorated one-story house. Facing north, it features wood frame construction, a one-story porch, and a side gable, asphalt shingle roof.

The façade, or west elevation, has a single-leaf panel-and-light wood door with 1-light sidelights. A shed-roof, asphalt shingle entrance hood, shelters the entry. The south elevation has two rectangular louvered vents, but no windows or doors. The rear, or east, elevation has three rectangular louvered vents, but no windows or doors. The north elevation contains a single-leaf paneled wood door and a 1-light fixed wood display window with metal bars. The front of the house is visible on this side, and displays boarded windows and a single-leaf panel-and-light wood door. An exterior chimney is located on the front porch.

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Located near the crossing of Central Avenue and Crain Highway, this small vernacular bar/restaurant illustrates patterns of transportation and commercial development that were occurring in southern Maryland during the mid-20th century.

Automobiles and the expanding road and highway systems contributed to widespread commercial and residential development well beyond the rail corridors of the 19th century. As development and population density increased in Prince George's County, new road networks were erected to ease the movement of goods and people. The extension of Crain Highway to the Potomac and the completion of the Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge spanning the Potomac River bridge near Pope's Creek in 1940 served to link Charles and Prince George's Counties with transportation networks from Florida to New York. As a result, Crain Highway, and its successor, U.S. 301, became the main route for commercial truck transportation. There was also tremendous growth along U.S. 301 in the number of commercial establishments built to cater to the burgeoning tourist trade and to new residential development. These included motels, fast food restaurants, shopping centers, service stations, and bars.

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National Register Evaluation:

The restaurant at 105 Central Avenue is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the building and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the building provides an example of vernacular rural architecture, it is neither unusual nor distinguished; it does not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Not Recommended X

Comments:

Review, OPS: *[Signature]* ✓ Date: 11/4/95

Reviewer, NR Program: _____ Date: _____

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Economic

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): COMMERCE/TRADE/Restaurant

Known Design Source: Unknown

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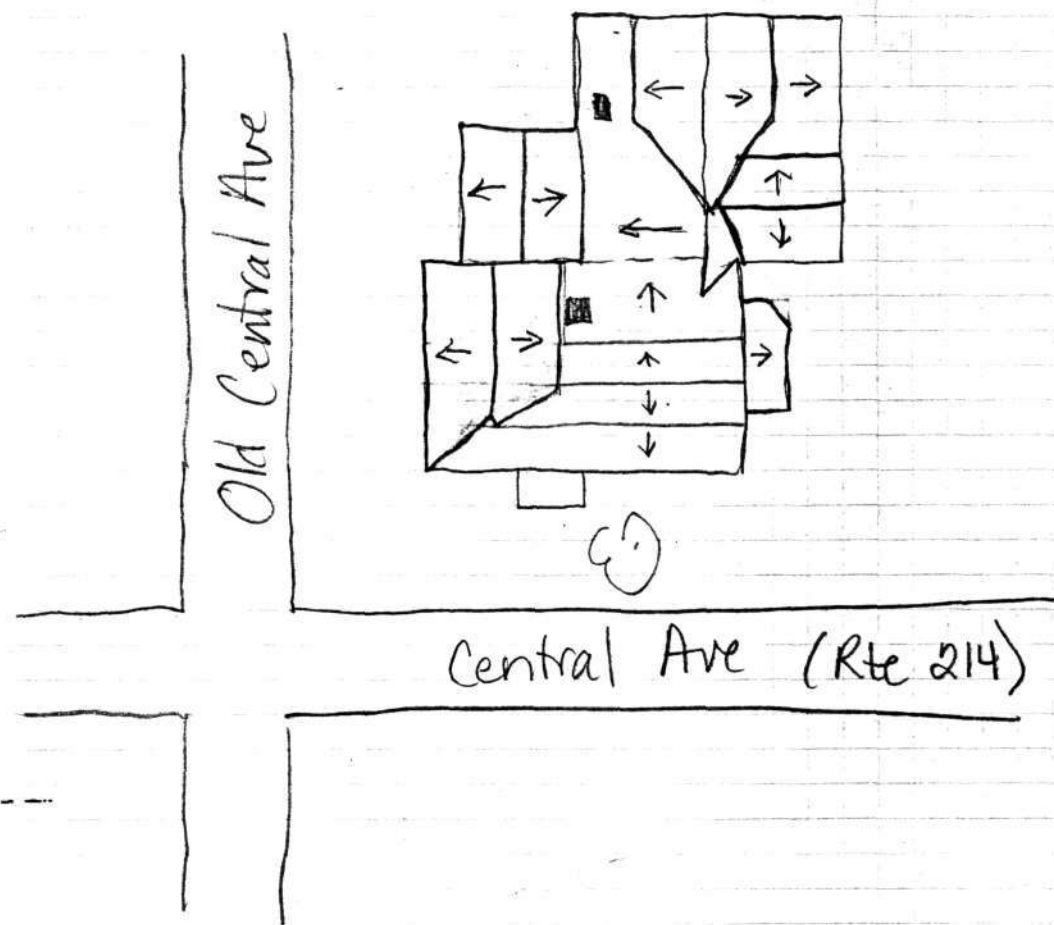
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Chain of Title:

November 30, 1923: William and Caroline Thomas to Samuel H. and
Mattie T. Spragins
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 203 Folio 447

September 13, 1935: Samuel H. and Mattie T. Spragins to Milton
Leroy Hopkins and Thelma N. Hopkins
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 430 Folio 152

June 8, 1993: Robert A. Schmuhl, guardian of Thelma N.
Hopkins, surviving tenant in entirety of
Milton Leroy Hopkins, to Captain's Corner
Beer, Wine, Liquor
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 8819 Folio 436



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Maryland

Resource Sketch Map 1999
Not Drawn to Scale

ANN'S
MOTIVE
& CENTER

CAPTAIN'S CORNER
BEER-WINE-LIQUOR ON/ OFF
RESTAURANT-CARRY-OUT 7 DAYS

SOLD

KING
PLAYERS

HAPPY HOUR
EVERYDAY 11 AM - 3 PM
99
LOW
MIDWEST

Cool's
LIGHT
LONGNECKS \$1.75 DURING
HAPPY HOUR

CAPTAIN'S
CORNER
BEER-WINE-LIQUOR ON/ OFF



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west elevation

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CAPTAIN'S
CORNER
BEER WINE LIQUOR

Budweiser

Life
HAPPY HOUR
EVERYDAY 11 AM - 7 PM
99¢



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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

JUNE 1999

MD SHPD

South elevation

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TRACERIES

JUNE 1999

MD SHPD

east elevation

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TRACERIES
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